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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE CAPTIONED "MEXICO PUTS
TROOPS ON PATROL TO INSURE SAFETY OF TOURISTS"

1. A SPECIAL STORY TO THE NEW YORK TIMES DATED
TIJUANA, MEXICO, JULY 18 APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF JULY
19 EDITION OF THE N.Y. TIMES UNDER SUBJECT HEADING.

2. LEAD PARAGRAPHS STATE FOLLOWING:
QUOTE: MEXICAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED FOR THE LUCRATIVE
AMERICAN TOURIST BUSINESS, SENT ARMED TROOPS ON BORDER
PATROL THIS WEEKEND TO PREVENT TERRORIST ATTACKS AND
ROBBERIES. RECENT INCIDENTS ALONG THE BORDER PROMPTED
THE CALL FOR MILITIAMEN TO ROAM ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST
OF BAJA CALIFORNIA IN JEEPS TO THWART VICTIMIZING OF
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U.S. CITIZENS CAMPED ON THE BEACHES. END QUOTE.

3 ---ARTICLE ALSO REQPORT

3. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT:QUOTE: MEXICANS ARE ANGERED OVER STILL ANOTHER BORDER PROBLEM. TOUGHS ON THE U.S. SIDE OF THE BORDER DRESSED IN MEXICAN UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN MUGGING MEXICANS WHO ARE SMUGGLED INTO THE U.S. AS THEY CROSS THE BORDER. END QUOTE.

4. USIS FORWARDING ENTIRE STORY BY WIRELESS FILE OR SIGNALS.

5. FOLLOWING HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR PRESS GUIDANCE, IF ASKED:

QUESTION: THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS THAT MEXICAN OFFICIALS SENT TROOPS ON ARMED PATROL THIS WEEKEND AFTER REPORTS THAT AMERICAN TOURISTS WERE BEING VICTIMIZED BY BANDITS. ANY COMMENTS?

ANSWER: NOTHING MORE THAN THE N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE. OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN TIJUANA HAS NOT REPORTED ANY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD BUT WE ARE CHECKING. KISSINGER

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